

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph before line 1 of page 1:

**DESCRIPTION**~~TITLE~~

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 3 of page 1:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Document No. P2003-297407 filed on August 21, 2003, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please delete the following subtitle on line 5 of page 1:

~~Technical Field~~

Please delete the following subtitle on line 10 of page 1:

~~Background Art~~

Please add the following new Title after the paragraph ending on line 15 of page 6:

**SUMMARY**

Please delete the following subtitle on line 1 of page 7:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at line 17 on page 8:

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description and the Figures.

Please replace the Title on page 8, line 19 with the following rewritten Title:

~~Brief Description of the Drawings~~**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

Please replace the Title on page 12, line 9 with the following rewritten Title:

~~Best Modes for Carrying out the Invention~~**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at line 1 on page 95:

It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.

Please replace the Abstract on page 103 with the following rewritten Abstract:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A reversible multicolor thermal recording medium capable of recording and erasing repeatedly high-contrast clear images free of color fogging without causing color deterioration and a method for recording on the recording medium are provided. The reversible multicolor recording medium includes recording layers numbered from the first to the nth, which are formed on a supporting substrate separately and independently in sequential order, the recording layers each containing a reversible thermal color developing composition differing from one another in the hue of the developed color and further containing a light-heat converting composition which generates heat upon absorption of near infrared rays with a wavelength in different ranges, and the recording layers having respectively the absorption peak wavelengths  $\lambda_{\max 1}$ ,  $\lambda_{\max 2}$ , ...,  $\lambda_{\max n}$ , in the near infrared region such that  $1500 \text{ nm} > \lambda_{\max 1} > \lambda_{\max 2} > \dots > \lambda_{\max n} > 750 \text{ nm}$ .